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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice. Application No. 10/658,592 09/08/2003 Filing Date First Named Inventor Jamey Graham Group Art Unit 2627 Examiner Name Shah, Sanjiv Attorney Docket No. 74451.P181 Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 Previously submitted Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37. C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered). Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_ ] Other\_ Enclosed b. **[X]** [X] Amendment/Reply [ ] Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iii. [ ] Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) iv. [X] Other: Petition for Extension of Time Miscellaneous Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) a. [ ] for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required) b. [ ] Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed. The Director is hereby authorized to charge deficiencies in the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 2-2666 [X] RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) [X] Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) [ ] Other\_ Checks in the amounts of \$790.00 and \$120.00 enclosed b. [X] Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed) c. [ ] SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) 36,591 Name (Print/Type) Michael J. Mallie Signature **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANMISSION** I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner For Patents, Mail Stop RCE, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450, or facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on: Name (Print/Type) Judy L. Steinkraus Date <u>0</u>3 Signature

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